

**Minutes
Storm Water Committee Meeting
New Berlin City Hall
3805 S. Casper Drive
Council Chambers
November 9, 2004**

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Stormwater Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Alderman Harenda, Alderman Hopkins, Alderman Hegeman, Mayor Wysocki & City Engineer J.P. Walker

Others Present: Eric Nitschke (Division Engineer), Ray Grzys (Director of Utilities and Streets), Jeff Thornton (SEWRPC), Mike Cascio (Kelly Lakes Association). Cathy Schwalbach (Project Engineer) arrived at 5:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 4:47 pm by Alderman Harenda and a quorum was declared

Item SW 01-04 Approval of Minutes from October 12th and October 21st meetings

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to approve the minutes from the October 12th and October 21st meetings. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Item SW 26-03 Award of Kelly Lakes Owner's Association Request

Motion to remove from the table by Alderman Hopkins. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Eric Nitschke said that several representatives from the Kelly Lakes Homeowner's Association and some residents were present at tonight's meeting.

Jeff Thornton from SEWRPC (Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) gave a Powerpoint presentation and told the committee about the Kelly Lakes wetland rehabilitation. Mr. Thornton described the construction of the 3-acre wetland and the stream re-meandering, which is more natural and adds 321 feet. He stated that benefits include:

- Increased stormwater storage capacity
- Restoration of wetland and aquatic ecosystems
- Restoration of shoreline by erosion control
- Reduction of pollutants in stormwater
- Reduction of stormwater loading
- Educational and scientific opportunities
- Natural aesthetics and recreation

Mr. Thornton thanked the City of New Berlin staff from the Engineering, Park and Recreation, Utilities and Street departments for their cooperation and help in the project. He added that other participants including the Kelly Lakes Association, SEWRPC, WDNR, URS, and many volunteers. Mr. Thornton said that the association has made good use of state grants and has over 3,500 volunteer labor hours invested in the project, and sited the Boy Scouts as one of the groups that will benefit from the educational opportunities.

Eric Nitschke said that the Kelly Lakes Association, particularly Jeff Thornton and Mike Cascio have been driving factors, and that the Stormwater staff has just guided the work. He added that the project follows the Stormwater Master Plan and the designated area helps the City meet the NR216 Stormwater Discharge Permit requirements as well as the required stormwater requirements for the Grange Avenue Booster Station. Mr. Nitschke said that it is staff's opinion that KLA's level of effort and commitment has been the driving factor on the project, and all that is left for the Stormwater Utility is to provide a small amount of funding to help complete the construction end of the project.

Mayor Wysocki thanked Mike Cascio for his many years of work, Jeff Thornton for his cooperation and effort and the KLA members and volunteers. Mayor Wysocki said that his only concern is that the contingency funds are small, about \$4,000 with the cost estimate by URS, the Kelly Lakes engineering representative of \$151,082.86, and added that if something comes up where additional funding is needed, he requested that this be brought back to the Committee.

Alderman Harenda said that Mike Cascio gave him a tour of Kelly Lakes, and that this project is on the southwest corner of the lake, which will help alleviate flooding problems on St. Francis. Eric Nitschke said that we must be careful with that statement, as this will help with flooding, but will not alleviate it.

Alderman Harenda asked when the work will be done? Mr. Nitschke replied in winter. Alderman Harenda said that an additional benefit of the project is to show the State of Wisconsin that New Berlin is doing more than most communities in the stormwater issues. Mr. Nitschke agreed and said that if we take care of some issues now before the deadline for our permit requirements come due, we will be ahead of the curve.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to recommend to the Common Council the awarding of funding for the construction of the Kelly Lakes Wetland Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$40,000. Source of funds:

Stormwater Utility Drainage Account number 70710710 59060	\$ 40,000.00
New Berlin Water Utility Contribution	\$ 5,000.00
DNR Grant LPT 260-5	\$100,000.00
DNR Grant LPL 857	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
	\$155,000.00

Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Item SW 24-04 Award of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Inspection Services at the Tess Corners Creek Pond

JP Walker read the requested action and noted that this item is associated with the intermunicipal agreement that committee members will see at the Council meeting tonight, which includes a 50/50 cost share with Muskego. Alderman Harenda stated that this is part of the process for construction oversight, but requested in the future that a T & M schedule (Time and Material) be included by Ruckert and Mielke and other contractors and attached to contracts for comparison.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to recommend to the Common Council the awarding of a Professional Services Agreement to Ruckert-Mielke, in the amount of \$90,210.00 for construction inspection services at the Tess Corners Creek Pond. Source of Funds is Tess Corners Creek Pond Account 04251171 61710 C2003 for \$1,627,974.91 and Non-Point Source Grant for \$203,421.89. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Item SW 25-04 Discussion of Stormwater Utility Logo

Eric Nitschke read a memorandum. "The New Berlin Stormwater Utility has been up and running for almost 4 years. There are many requirements and challenges that face the Utility. An important requirement is public education and outreach regarding the issues facing the Stormwater Utility. One of the first steps to promoting the public education and outreach of the Stormwater Utility is to create an identity. Staff, in an effort to improve public awareness by creating an identity for the Stormwater Utility, has investigated different logos to be used in informative articles/ handouts, bulletin boards, billings, and other forms of advertisement. Enclosed you will find the logos that have been drafted, and some of the Staff recommended logos. Also included for reference is an example of a stormwater log for the Town of Caledonia."

Alderman Hopkins said that the Utility should have an identity, and recommended the duck, not the raindrop because it looked like a Christmas bulb.

Mayor Wysocki said that perhaps a new name should also be used, such as "Watershed Utility", which is more comprehensive and descriptive.

Alderman Harenda said that as the Utility evolves, some people think all of the money goes to the east side projects, but the Stormwater Utility is doing a lot of projects on the west side now and in the future. He asked if the Utilities and Street Departments have distinct logos?

Eric Nitschke said no that they use the New Berlin City logo. He added that he and Cathy Schwalbach discussed the Stormwater logo, and wanted it to be positive, and keep it simple even in black and white.

JP Walker said he also liked the duck and environmental log better as it promotes forward thinking. He added that the days of manmade retention ponds are gone and that the way of the future will be Stormwater Management facilities like the one that will be constructed at Tess Corners Creek Pond.

The Committee gave Staff the direction to keep looking into a logo for the Stormwater Utility, and to bring a more comprehensive public awareness plan to the Committee in the future.

Motion to table discussion of Stormwater Utility Logo by Mayor Wysocki. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins, and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Communication for Marquette Drive residents

Eric Nitschke said that all of the residents affected on Marquette Drive have accepted the City's proposal to split the cost of the culverts. Mayor Wysocki thanked Eric Nitschke and Cathy Schwalbach for their work on this issue.

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. by Alderman Hopkins. Seconded by Alderman Hegeman and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.